

**Remarks**

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-14 and 16-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16 are independent. Claims 1-5, 9-14, and 16-18 have been allowed. Claims 6-8 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims or the original claims (i.e., the claims before the present pr prior amendments) in a continuation application. No new claims have been added.

The Applicant has requested that the currently disallowed claims be canceled without prejudice (independent claim 6 and dependent claims 7 and 8). Applicant will be pursuing them in a continuation.

Accordingly, the present amendment is made to place the application in condition for allowance as all current claims have been allowed.

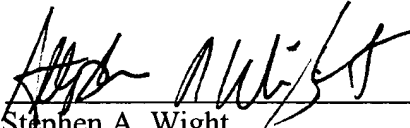
***Conclusion***

The claims in their present form should now be allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

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